

June 4, 2001

**Commodity Specification For  
PASTEURIZED WHOLE EGGS  
DATED MAY 2000**

***Amendment No. 1***

This amendment removes the requirement for the pasteurization of bulk liquid whole eggs prior to shipping the commodity in insulated tankers to destination. Additionally, the “E-3-A Sanitary Standards” is revised to “3-A Sanitary Standards” in accordance with the 3-A Sanitary Standards Symbol Administrative Council.

1. Section II.C. on page 3. Revise this section to read as follows:

“C. Bulk Liquid Whole Eggs Without Color Stabilizer

1. Requirements. Unless otherwise specified in II.C., bulk liquid egg must be produced from liquid whole eggs (without color stabilizer) and processed in accordance with II.A., II.B., and II.E. Unless otherwise specified, the bulk liquid egg commodity will be shipped unpasteurized to an officially inspected destination and pasteurized prior to further processing in accordance with FSIS procedures and 9 C.F.R. § 590.504(o).

2. Solids. Bulk liquid egg must have a total egg solids content equal to or greater than 23.6 percent. Egg yolks may be added or egg whites removed to increase the total solids of the liquid whole egg broken in natural proportion to 23.6 percent.

3. Holding and Cooling Temperatures. Product holding and cooling procedures for bulk liquid egg must comply with 9 C.F.R. Part 590.

4. Organoleptic Requirements. Bulk liquid egg is subject to examination for the organoleptic requirements found in II.J.2. upon completion of loading the tanker and prior to certification in accordance with this Specification.

5. Tankers.

- a. Equipment. Bulk liquid egg must be shipped in commercial tank trucks (tankers). Transport tankers must meet 3-A Sanitary Standards with the domes and product outlet valve covers designed to be properly sealed. Each tanker must be cleaned and sanitized prior to each use (or shipment) in accordance with 9 C.F.R. § 590.552.

b. Temperature. Tankers must be insulated and have the capability of maintaining bulk liquid egg at a product temperature not higher than 40 °F (4.4 °C).

6. Loading of Tankers. Each tanker must contain 48,000 pounds (21,772 kg) of bulk liquid egg (see IV.B.4. for variations permitted).”

2. Section IV.B.2. on page 19. Revise this paragraph to read as follows:

“2. Certification of Bulk Liquid Egg. The USDA-assigned plant number, product identity, production code and date, seal numbers, and the verification of net weight (weight verification may accompany certificate) must be shown on each USDA Egg Products Inspection and Grading Certificate accompanying each tanker of bulk liquid egg to destination.”

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This amendment is effective with offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, June 11, 2001, and on all subsequent offers. The words “and Amendment Number 1” must be inserted after “the Commodity Specification for Whole Eggs dated May 2000” in item 1 of each offer.

All other terms and conditions of the Commodity Specification for Pasteurized Whole Eggs dated May 2000 remain unchanged.

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